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SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE

1. FOLLOWING IS PRESS GUIDANCE USED BY DEPARTMENT
SPOKESMAN AUGUST 15.
QUESTION: DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT ON THE REPORTS OF THE
POLICE SEIZURE OF THE FILES OF ARGENTINE HUMAN RIGHTS
ORGANIZATIONS?
ANSWER: LAST FRIDAY, ARGENTINE POLICE ENTERED THE OFFICES
OF THREE HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS IN BUENOS AIRES AND SEIZED
FILES THAT THOSE GROUPS HAD PREPARED TO TURN OVER TO THE
INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION. THE COMMISSION
WILL BE VISITING ARGENTINA THIS SEPTEMBER.
THERE IS NOW ANOTHER PRESS REPORT THAT THE POLICE
AGAIN HAVE ENTERED AND SEIZED ADDITIONAL FILES AND
DOCUMENTS OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS.
WE NOTE THAT THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT EXTENDED THE
INVITATION TO THE COMMISSION WITH PUBLIC ASSURANCES THAT
IT WOULD COOPERATE FULLY WITH IT. WE THEREFORE ARE
SURPRISED AT THESE REPORTS PARTICULARLY ON THE EVE OF THE
VISIT OF THE INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION. WE
HOPE THAT THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT WILL TAKE NO FURTHER
ACTIONS WHICH MIGHT INTERFERE WITH THE COMMISSION'S
VISIT. / VANCE

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